

POLICY MEMO

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TO: Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: Income Exclusion - Types of Combat Pay

USDA recently issued new guidance on income exclusions for specific types of combat pay.

Effective February 1, 2010 combat pay must be excluded when determining income eligibility for families with a member who serves in the military when the pay is:

- Received in addition to the service member's basic pay,
- Received as a result of deployment to or service in a designated combat zone, and
- Not received prior to the deployment or service in a designated combat zone.

Types of pay that are considered combat pay are: Hostile Fire Pay (HFP) and Imminent Danger Pay (IDP).

Combat pay will appear in the entitlements area of the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and is usually \$225.00.

A list of the current designated combat zones is attached to help staff in situations where it may be unclear if the service person meets each of the above conditions.

For questions or assistance in using this exclusion contact me at 308-865-5616

xc: State WIC Staff